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such times as today; that we may try to awaken to a proper sense of patriotism our fellow citizens, most especially the rising generation, who can see now no danger to our country or her institutions, among which not the least is our public school system. Washington Camp No. 200 feels that one of the best reminders and educators is the flag of our Union unfurled to the winds of heaven at all proper times and places. With that idea in view they have produced this flag and herewith present it to the park commissioners to be hoisted in our park on all suitable occasions. And now by instructions from Washington Camp, No. 200, Patriotic Order Sons of American, of Carbondale, I, in their name present your president for you this emblem of our country's grandeur, and long may you and our order live to see it flaot above our beautiful park."

In accepting this American flag from Paul Berton, Mayor E.E. Hendrick made the following remakrs:

"Truly this is an occasion for earnest glances, for outbursts of emotional feeling, a time to give expression to our best thoughts and manifest in a dignified way our appreciation of the gifts that come to us unsought and unexpected."

"Nearing the close of the day set apart for the commemoration of the birth of America's noblest son, the father of our country, it is a fitting time to recall and repeat together America's eulogy of America's chief: 'First in war!, first in peace!!, and first in the hearts of his countrymen!!!'"

"It is a time for sublime thought, a time to reflect upon the past, and the part that the heroes of colonial times took in laying the foundations of a Government of the people that today ranks first among all nations of the globe; the envy of Monarchies that had an existence centuries before the Union of States was ever dreamed of."

"Among the men had faith in themselves and the future of the country, none demand of us today such honest, sincere veneration, greater love and admiration than George Washington, and it is unquestionably our duty to keep alive this feeling, and transmit it with all its warmth to those who shall come after us."

"To keep alive, and that in a vigorous way, or love for the early patriots, should be the personal work of every American citizen. To them we are indebted for the precious boon we enjoy, the glorious liberty, the rights of citizenship, the soverignty that a citizen of no monarchy, not even monarchs themselves, are privileged to enjoy."

"To perpetuate this feeling, this patriotic enthusiasm, this day is set apart, and this beautiful flag, the symbol of our greatness, should be kept floating before us constantly as a reminder of what the nation was a century ago with its thirteen United States, and the magnificent growth attained in a little more than one hundred years."

"We are a great nation, a great people, and we are proud of our greatness and our power. I am glad that it is my privilege to receive at the hands of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, this beautiful flag of the free, and to accept it in behalf of the Memorial Park association."

"In the name of the park commissioners I accept this gift, this beautiful flag, that is intended to float above the little park in which we all take pride. And to the donors, I offer the assurance that the gift is well appreciated and that so long as the youth and flower of the land strive to emulate the example in patriotism of our boys in blue, so long shall the beautiful stars and stripes prove an inspiration to loyalty and love of country, and float over a free, happy and God fearing people, and Old Glory, the pride of the nation of freeman, the banner of the free, shall float above and overshadow the bunting of all other crown-burdened nations of the earth."